

July 12, 1856. Washington. 8vo.—*From the Hon. J. R. Tyson.*

Address illustrative of the Nature and Power of the Slave States, and the Duties of the Free States:—delivered at the request of the inhabitants of the town of Quincy, Massachusetts, June 5, 1856,—by Josiah Quincy. Boston. 8vo.—*From the Author.*

The Astronomical Journal. No. 95. (Vol. IV. No. 23). Aug. 4, 1856. Cambridge. 8vo.—*From Dr. B. A. Gould, jr., Editor.*

The Medical News and Library. Vol. XIV. No. 164. August, 1856. Philadelphia. 8vo.—*From Blanchard & Lea.*

Narrative of an Exploring Voyage up the rivers Kwora and Binue (commonly known as the Niger and Tsadda) in 1854: With a Map and Appendices. By William Balfour Baikie, M.D. R. N., &c. &c. London. 8vo.—*From the Author.*

The committee on Dr. Leidy's communication, entitled "Descriptions of the Remains of Fishes from the Carboniferous Limestone of Illinois and Missouri," made report recommending the publication of the paper in the Transactions of the Society. The communication was accordingly ordered to be published, and the committee discharged.

The Minutes of the Board of Officers and Council, at their late meeting, were read.

Mr. Trego, Reporter of the Society, laid on the table No. 55 of the Proceedings, published since the last meeting.

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*Stated Meeting, September 19.*

Present, seventeen members.

Prof. FRAZER, Vice-President, in the Chair.

Letters were read:—

From the Imperial Academy of Sciences at Vienna, dated April 15, 1856,—acknowledging the receipt of Nos. 51, 52, of the Proceedings;—and one dated March 25, 1856, announcing a donation for the library:—

From the Society of Antiquaries, dated Edinburgh, August,

1856, acknowledging the receipt of Nos. 51, 52, of the Proceedings of this Society:—

From the Secretary of l'Ecole des Mines, dated Paris, March 20, 1856, announcing a donation for the library:—

From the Boston Society of Natural History, dated Boston, August 20, 1856, returning acknowledgments for Nos. 54, 55 of the Proceedings:—

From the Department of State, dated Washington, Sept. 3, 1856, announcing a donation for the library:—

From Mr. H. D. Saunders, dated Philadelphia, Sept. 15, 1856, asking for the loan of the Society's portrait and bust of Thomas Jefferson, for the purpose of modelling a bust of that distinguished man.

An extract of a letter was read, from Theo. Lacordaire to Dr. John L. Le Conte, dated Liege, June 30, 1856, acknowledging the receipt of notice of his election as a member of this society.

The following donations were announced:—

FOR THE LIBRARY.

Sitzungsberichte der K. Akad. der Wissenschaften: Math. Nat. Classe, Band XVIII. Heft 1, 2;—Band XIX. Heft 1, 2. Nov. 1855—Feb. 1856. Wien. 8vo.

Almanach der K. Akad. der Wissenschaften, VI. Jahrgang, 1856. Wien. 8vo.—*From the Imperial Acad. Sciences, Vienna.*

Compte Rendu Annuel adressé à S. Exc. M. de Brock, Ministre des Finances, par le Directeur de l'Observatoire Physique Central, A. T. Kupffer. Année 1854. St. Petersburg. 4to.—*From the Administration of Mines of Russia.*

Abhandlungen der Math. Phys. Classe der Bayerischen Akademie der Wissenschaften. Band VII. Abth. 3. München, 1855. 4to.—*From the Royal Bavarian Academy of Sciences.*

Denkrede auf Johann Nepomuk von Fuchs, von F. v. Kobell.—Rede von Fr. von Thiersch, 28 Mar. 1856, und 28 Nov. 1855. München. 4to.—*From the same.*

Verhandlungen des Naturhistorischen Vereines der Preuss. Rheinlande und Westphalens:—Herausgegeben von Prof. Dr. Budge, Secretair des Vereines. Jahrgang XII. Heft 3, 4.—XIII. 1. Bonn, 1855-6. 8vo.—*From the Nat. History Union of Rhenish Prussia and Westphalia.*

- Memorie della Reale Academia delle Scienze di Torino. Serie Seconda. Tomo XV. Torino, 1855. 4to.—*From the Royal Academy of Sciences, Turin.*
- Mémoires de la Société Impériale des Sciences, de l'Agriculture et des Arts, de Lille. Supplement à l'Année 1853, et Table Générale de la Première Série. Lille, 1856. 8vo.—*From the Imp. Society of Science, Agriculture and Arts, Lille.*
- Annales des Mines. V. Série. Tome VII. 3 livr. de 1855. Tome VIII. 4, 5 livr. de 1855. Paris. 8vo.—*From the Engineers of l'Ecole des Mines.*
- Narrative of Commodore Perry's Expedition with an American Squadron to the China Seas and Japan, in the years 1852-3-4. (Executive Documents, Vol. XII. Part 1, 2d Session of 33d Congress, 1854-5).
- Another copy of the same, being Senate Doc. Vol. XIV. Part 1, same session. Washington. 4to.—*From the Department of State.*
- Annals of the Astronomical Observatory of Harvard College. Vol. I. Part 1. Cambridge, 1856. 4to.—*From the Observatory, by Prof. W. C. Bond, Director.*
- American Journal of Science and Arts. Second Series. Vol. XXII. No. 65. Sept. 1856. New Haven. 8vo.—*From Professors Silliman & Dana, Editors.*
- Proceedings of the New Jersey Historical Society. Vol. VIII. No. 1. Jan.—May, 1856. 8vo.—*From the Society.*
- Proceedings of the Boston Society of Natural History. Vol. V. No. 24. Aug. 1856. Boston. 8vo.—*From the Society.*
- Journal of the Franklin Institute. Third Series. Vol. XXXII. No. 3. Sept. 1856. Philadelphia. 8vo.—*From the Institute.*
- The African Repository. Vol. XXXII. No. 9. Sept. 1856. Washington. 8vo.—*From the Am. Colonization Society.*
- Report of the Special Committee appointed to investigate the troubles in Kansas: with the views of the Minority of said Committee. Washington, 1856. 8vo.—*From the Hon. J. R. Tyson.*
- Sanitary, Meteorological and Mortuary Report of the Philadelphia County Medical Society, for 1855: with an account of the prevalent diseases in the Consolidated City during the year: Accompanied with a Geological Chart of the County. By Wilson Jewell, M.D., &c. &c. Philadelphia, 1856. 8vo.—*From the Author.*
- Plantæ Kancanæ Grænlandicæ: Enumeration of Plants collected by

Dr. E. K. Kane, U. S. N., in his first and second expeditions to the Polar Regions—with descriptions and remarks. By Elias Durand. (Jour. Acad. Nat. Sci. Philadelphia). 4to. 1856.—*From the Author.*

Papers relating to Public Events in Massachusetts, preceding the American Revolution: Printed for the Seventy-six Society. Philadelphia, 1856. 8vo.—*From Dr. A. L. Elwyn.*

Mr. Quincy's Remarks on Mr. Choate's Letter to the Whig State Committee of Maine. Boston, 1856. 8vo.—*From the Author.*

The Medical News and Library. Vol. XIV. No. 165. Sept. 1856. Philadelphia. 8vo.—*From Blanchard & Lea.*

Report and Announcement of the Medical Department of the University of Pennsylvania, for the Session of 1856-7. Philadelphia, June, 1856. 8vo.—*Donor unknown.*

Mr. Trego announced the decease of F. André Michaux, a member of this Society, which took place in the month of November last, at Vauréal, near Pontoise, in France, at the age of 85 years. Whereupon Mr. E. Durand was appointed to prepare an obituary notice of Mr. Michaux.

Mr. Trego recalled the attention of the Society to the fact that on the 19th day of November, 1852, Mr. Michaux had deposited in the archives of the Society a sealed paquet, containing, as it was said, an instrument of writing of a testamentary character:—And the original packet being thereupon produced from the archives,—it was ordered that a committee be appointed to inquire what action should be taken by the Society in relation to the sealed paquet deposited with it by Mr. Michaux. The committee consists of Judge Kane, Judge Sharswood, Mr. Lea and Mr. Durand.

On motion of Mr. Durand, it was ordered that the Curators be authorized to grant the request of Mr. Saunders, contained in his letter read this evening, for a loan of the portrait and the bust of Mr. Jefferson, in possession of the Society.

The Society being informed that Mr. Tobias Wagner, one of its members, is about to visit Europe, where he expects to remain for some time, the Secretary was instructed to furnish him with an attested certificate of his membership in this Society.

The resignation of Mr. Wagner, as a member of the committee of finance was accepted.

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*Stated Meeting, October 3.*

Present, eleven members.

Prof. FRAZER, Vice-President, in the Chair.

Mr. J. P. Lesley and Dr. S. D. Gross, recently elected members, were introduced, and took their seats.

Letters were read:—

From J. P. Lesley, dated Philadelphia, Oct. 3, 1856, acknowledging the receipt of notice of his election as a member of the Society: and—

From the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, dated Philadelphia, Sept. 29, 1856, returning thanks for No. 55 of the Proceedings of the Society.

The following donations were announced:—

FOR THE LIBRARY.

Nuovi Esperimenti risguardanti l'Origine dell' Elettricità Atmosferica &c. di Zantedeschi. Venezia, 1854. 8vo.—Ricerche sulla Contemporaneità del Passaggio delle opposte correnti elettriche in un filo metallico; del Prof. Zantedeschi. Vienna, 1855. 4to.—Nuovo Elettroscopio per le due elettricità d'influenza; del Prof. Francesco Zantedeschi. Vienna, 1855, 8vo.—Sur les Courants Électriques dirigés en sens opposé sur le même fil, en relation avec la télégraphie: par M. Zantedeschi. Paris, 1855. 4to. (Comptes Rendus, Tome XLl.)—*From the Author.*

Documents relative to the Colonial History of the State of New York, procured in Holland, England and France, by John Romeyn Brodhead, Esq., Agent, &c. Edited by E. B. O'Callaghan, M.D. Vol. VII. Albany, 1856. 4to.—*From the Regents of the University of the State of New York.*

Ninth Annual Report of the Regents of the University of the State of New York, on the Condition of the State Cabinet of Natural History, and the Historical and Antiquarian Collection annexed thereto:—made to the Senate, Feb. 20, 1856. Albany. 8vo.—*From the same.*

Proceedings of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia. Vol. VIII. No. 4. Philadelphia. 8vo.—*From the Academy.*